Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The First Annual South Dakota Safe Driving Day is on April 20, 2017; and,

Whereas, Impaired and distracted driving pose a significant threat to the lives of drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and all who share our roads; and,

Whereas, The overall number of drivers under the age of 25 make up just 15 percent of drivers, but their involvement in the percent of crashes involving speeding is nearly 50 percent and crashes involving drinking is over 30 percent; and,

Whereas, Young drivers are disproportionately more likely to text while driving, which increases precipitously the chances for an accident; and,

Whereas, The decisions to wear a seatbelt, slow down, avoid entirely driving under the influence, watch for other drivers and pedestrians, and to not let phone calls or text messages distract from safe driving lead to safer roads for all people; and,

Whereas, South Dakota officials are dedicated to promoting safe driving essentials and act as positive role models for young people and new drivers; and,

Whereas, We have more progress to make toward the goal of reducing the number of crashes and fatalities:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2017, as

SAFE DRIVING DAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State